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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW - IL 1517 - RADIO
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REFS: A. COCOM DOC REV (74) 1517/1

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C. COCOM DOC REV (74) 1517/2 (OECD PARIS 5881)

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SUMMARY: RESERVES BY THE FRENCH DELEGATION BLOCKED ADOP-
TION OF THE REVISED DEFINITION OF RADIO TRANSMITTERS
PROPOSED BY THE UK. A US RESERVE ON ONE PORTION OF A
SUBITEM SUPPORTED THE FRENCH POSITION. ALL OTHER DELE-
GATIONS ACCEPTED THE BRITISH PROPOSAL WHOSE INTENT HERE
AS WELL AS IN 1500 NEW ITEM 1 (SEE REF
D) IS TO OBTAIN A FRENCH INTERPRETATION WHICH IS HIS-
TORICALLY AND TECHNICALLY CORRECT, BUT WHICH NEVERTHE-
LESS DEFEATS THE PURPOSE OF THE EMBARGO BY ALLOWING E
THE SHIPMENT OF TRANSMITTERS INCORPORATING STRATEGICALLY
SIGNIFICANT FREQUENCY SYNTHESIZERS. CHANGES IN TECH-
NOLOGY HAVE OCCURED WHICH RENDER SYNTHESIZERS BASED ON
THE CRYSTAL-SAVING TECHNIQUE (WHICH THE FRENCH CONSIDER
TO BE EMBARGOED) INSIGNIFICANT AND INFERIOR TO THOSE
USING PHASE LOCKED LOOP TECHNIQUES WHICH THEY CONSIDER
UNEMBARGOED. THE POSITIONS OF FRANCE ON THIS ITEM AS
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WELL AS ON 1500 NEW ITEM 1 ARE CONTRADICTORY IN THAT

THEY INVOKE MILITARY USE ARGUMENTS (ON WHICH THEY BELIEVE THE US WILL SUPPORT THEM) IN ORDER TO FRUSTRATE ATTEMPTS BY THE UK TO FILL A SIGNIFICANT VOID IN CO-VERAGE. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED PENDING REVISION BY THE UK TO ITS PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY.

1. DISCUSSION OF RADIO TRANSMITTERS ON MARCH 27TH BEGAN WITH BRITISH EXPLANATION THAT ITS REVISED PROPOSAL (REF C) ON THE HEADING IS INTENDED TO CLARIFY THAT TRANSMITTERS WITH FREQUENCY SYNTHESIZERS ARE TO BE CONSIDERED BOTH IN 1500.1 AND 1517 AND THAT THOSE WITHOUT FREQUENCY SYNTHESIZERS ARE DEALT WITH IN 1517. ALL DELEGATIONS ACCEPTED THE REVISION.

2. THE US PROPOSED AMENDING (A) TO FREE TRANSMITTERS NOT INCORPORATING FREQUENCY SYNTHESIZERS UP TO 960 MHZ WHILE RETAINING THOSE CONTAINING FREQUENCY SYNTHESIZERS AT THE PRESENT 235 MHZ LIMIT. FRANCE MAINTAINED ITS RESERVE ON THE SAME GROUNDS THAT IT HAD PRESENTED IN SABOTAGING THE DISCUSSION OF IL 1500 NI 1, VIZ: INCREASING THE FREQUENCY CUTOFF IN (A) TO A FIGURE ABOVE 500 MHZ WOULD FREE EQUIPMENT WITH FREQUENCY SYNTHESIZERS OPERATING IN AREAS OF MILITARY USE. THE UK REJOINED THAT THE RELEASE OF EQUIPMENT EMBARGOED ELSEWHERE COULD NOT RESULT FROM THE CHANGE PROPOSED IN THIS ITEM BECAUSE OF THE EFFECTS OF THE GENERAL NOTE TO THE 1500 SERIES.

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IN THE BRITISH VIEW, THE FRENCH ARGUMENTS WERE BASED ON FREQUENCY ALLOCATION WHEREAS THE QUESTION BEFORE THE COMMITTEE CONCERNS DEFINABLY CIVIL EQUIPMENT. THE UK AGREED TO TAKE THE FRENCH COMMENTS INTO CONSIDERATION IN ATTEMPTING TO LIST, AS FRANCE HAD ASKED, THE EQUIPMENT OPERATING FROM 235 TO 960 MHZ WHICH IT WISHES TO FREE.

3. FRANCE AND THE US RESERVED ON THE UK PROPOSAL SUB-ITEM (B)(3) IN 1517/2. FRANCE RESERVED FOR THE SAME REASONS IT HAD CITED DURING DISCUSSION OF 1500 NEW ITEM 1, BUT INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER PLACING SOME EQUIPMENT UNDER AN ADMINISTRATIVE EXCEPTION NOTE. THE US RESERVED ON (B)(3)(II) WHICH WOULD, IN ITS VIEW, RELEASE IMPORTANT TRANSMITTERS OPERATING BELOW 500 MHZ AND INCORPORATING FREQUENCY SYNTHESIZERS. OTHER DELEGATIONS APPROVED THE UK PROPOSALS.

4. COMMENT: THE FRENCH POSITION ON THIS ITEM IS EXPLICABLE ONLY IN TERMS OF ITS OBVIOUSLY STRONG DETERMINATION TO PREEMPT THE UK PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE COVERAGE OF FREQUENCY SYNTHESIZERS. THOSE CHANGES ARE DESIGNED TO TERMINATE EXPORTS TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES OF ADRET PHASE LOCKED LOOP FREQUENCY SYNTHESIZERS ALLEGED BY THE UK AND THE NETHERLANDS TO BE TAKING PLACE FROM FRANCE. MYERS AND BOIDOCK TOOK AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE AND DISCUSS THE ADRET LINE OF QUALITY SYNTHESIZERS
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